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For: RIGID FABRIC SCULPTURE AND METHOD OF MAKING

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action of July 2, 2003, Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the claims as amended below. Claims ____ have been amended and claims ____ have been added.

1. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture comprising: forming a temporary support structure; supporting at least one fabric element on said temporary support structure; molding said fabric element in a desired configuration; applying a decorative resin to said fabric element; allowing said decorative resin to dry and harden; and sanding said decorative resin.
2. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of applying a polyurethane coating over said decorative resin.
3. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of applying a relatively non-adhesive material over said temporary support structure.
4. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 2, wherein said temporary support structure is removed from said rigid fabric sculpture after said decorative resin has hardened.
5. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of applying a second coat of decorative resin.
6. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 5, further comprising the step of fine sanding said second coat of decorative resin.
7. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 6, further comprising the step of applying a polyurethane coating over said decorative resin.
8. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture comprising: forming a temporary support structure; supporting at least one fabric element on said temporary support structure; molding said fabric element in a desired configuration; applying a decorative resin to an outer surface of said fabric element; allowing said decorative resin

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Proposed Claims:

13.) (currently amended) A rigid and waterproof fabric sculpture comprising an article of recycled clothing impregnated with an epoxy resin.

13.) (currently amended) A rigid and waterproof fabric sculpture comprising a three-dimensional fabric element impregnated with an epoxy decorative resin and having a sanded surface.

13.) (currently amended) A rigid and waterproof fabric sculpture comprising a three-dimensional fabric element impregnated with an epoxy decorative resin and having a layer of polyurethane coating immediately adjacent to the epoxy decorative resin.

13.) (currently amended) A rigid and waterproof fabric sculpture comprising a three-dimensional fabric element impregnated with an epoxy decorative resin, said epoxy decorative resin forming a layer on an outer surface of said waterproof fabric sculpture, said decorative resin having a sanded surface and having a layer of polyurethane coating immediately adjacent to the layer of epoxy decorative resin.

Other dependent claim options (claims 14 and higher):

A rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim ____, wherein said decorative resin is substantially clear.

A rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim ____, wherein said three-dimensional fabric element comprises an article of clothing.

A rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim ____, wherein said article of clothing is recycled from used clothing.

A rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim ____, wherein said out surface of said rigid fabric sculpture has a substantially glossy appearance.

A rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim ____, wherein said sculpture has a substantially hollow interior.